

## PROCLAMATION SEVERE WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK NOVEMBER 8-12, 2004

**WHEREAS**, North Dakotans can experience a variety of severe winter weather conditions, including extremely cold temperatures, dangerous wind chills, heavy snow, blizzards, ice storms and freezing rain; and

WHEREAS, severe winter weather can cause injury and death as the result of hypothermia, frost bite, heart attacks, strokes, traffic accidents, and other related causes; and

WHEREAS, severe winter weather can disrupt school, commerce, government, power and communications; and

WHEREAS, loss of life and damage to property can be greatly reduced by applying basic preparedness measures: be ready, get a kit, make a plan and be informed; and

**WHEREAS**, state and local Emergency Management officials and the National Weather Service are promoting the importance of preparedness for severe winter weather through a "Be Ready" safety campaign; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 8-12, 2004, **SEVERE WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State